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SUBJECT: JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE: NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL
BUILDERS ASSOCIATION INVESTIGATION

REF: STATE 211216

1. A DIPLOMATIC NOTE WAS HAND DELIVERED THIS DATE TO THE
EMBASSY OF JAPAN WITH TEXT AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: THE
SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO HIS
EXCELLENCY THE AMBASSADOR OF JAPAN AND HAS THE HONOR TO
REFER TO THE SECRETARY'S NOTE OF AUGUST 8, 1978.

ATTORNEYS OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
DESIRE TO VISIT JAPAN TO CONTINUE THE INTERVIEW PROCESS
REFERRED TO IN THE SECRETARY'S NOTE. THE INTERVIEWS
WILL ONLY BE MADE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS AND UNDER THE
SAME CONDITIONS AS MENTIONED IN THE SECRETARY'S NOTE OF
AUGUST 8, 1978. THERE IS ENCLOSED A LETTER FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO MR. TOSHIHIKO TANABE, FIRST
SECRETARY, REGARDING THIS MATTER. UNQUOTE.

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2. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER FROM JOHN H. SHENEFIELD,
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, ANTITRUST DIVISION, DEPT OF
JUSTICE TO MR. TOSHIHIKO TANABE, FIRST SECRETARY (ECONOMIC)

WHICH WAS NOT DATED IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: DEAR MR.
TANABE: THIS LETTER RESPONDS TO YOUR INQUIRY OF AUGUST

26 CONCERNING THE STATUS OF OUR INVESTIGATION OF THE
MACHINE TOOL INDUSTRY AND OUR INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO
NAMING JAPANESE PERSONS AS DEFENDANTS IN ANY CIVIL OR
CRIMINAL PROCEEDING GROWING OUT OF THIS INVESTIGATION.
THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DOES NOT INTEND TO NAME AS
DEFENDANT IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER ANY JAPANESE
PERSON WHO COOPERATES WITH OUR INVESTIGATION. WE
UNDERSTAND THAT A SERIES OF INTERVIEWS FOR BACKGROUND
INFORMATION WILL BEGIN THIS WEEK IN TOKYO. SINCERELY
YOURS, JOHN H. SHENEFIELD. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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